

from there as I sent it myself I would have been incredulous. But I saw with my own eyes and wrote the truth as I saw it.

And newspapers all over the country printed what I wrote over my own signature because they didn't believe I would knowingly sign a lying statement of fact. And at that only a fractional part of the whole truth ever was published about that strike.

I assume that the Illinois Vigilance Association is founded on the theory that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and knowing the newspaper business as I do, I suggest that the members do not depend wholly upon the newspapers for the facts upon which to base their vigilance.

I call the attention of the Illinois Vigilance Association to the fact that right here in Illinois is a case which is quite as important in its probable consequences as either the strike in Colorado or that in Michigan; and the newspapers are not giving the people the truth.

I refer to the case of Carl Person, the young editor now in jail at Clinton, Ill., charged with the murder of Tony Musser, a guard or gunman in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad.

Because the subsidized press would not print the truth about the Illinois Central strike, the strikers started a paper themselves at Clinton. Carl Person became its editor. He printed disagreeable truths about the all-powerful Illinois Central Railroad.

Finally he was lured from his office to the depot in Clinton by a telephone call. He didn't find the man who made the call, but was brutally attacked by Tony Musser, ex-chief of police and an employee of the railroad.

Musser was a big bully, Person a slight, slender young man. Musser knocked him down and beat him. A crowd interfered and raised Person to his feet. As the young man arose, his eyes filled with blood, Musser

broke from those who were holding him and started at Person to finish the job—probably to kill him. Person drew his revolver and killed his brutal assailant.

Clinton is a railroad-controlled town, just as Calumet is a town controlled by mine owners and just as the counties in Colorado where the coal strike is on is controlled by the Rockefeller coal trust.

The Illinois Central has a payroll estimated at \$150,000 a month in Clinton. Public officials there are close to the railroad. The merchants are afraid of the power of the railroad. The state's attorney won't stand for a change of venue to another county, so that Person may be tried by a jury of his peers, instead of a jury influenced by the railroad crowd.

All over the United States workmen are raising funds to help get a fair trial for Person; and that trial is soon coming.

How much vigilance has the Illinois Vigilance Association used in this case in our own state?

How much information has the association got from the Chicago newspapers?

What will be the effect on workmen if Carl Person is railroaded to death because there is no publicity about his case and no chance for a fair trial?

I invite the closest scrutiny at all times by vigilance associations or by individuals of news I publish in The Day Book, but I ask all interested to scrutinize as closely the news printed by other newspapers, so that when I publish truth that is suppressed or colored by other newspapers the public will know who is lying and who is telling the truth.

To some The Day Book will appear to be a sensational newspaper. It is sensational, but sensational in the honest sense—in the sense that truth is the most sensational thing in the world.

Chicago people have become ac-